

Budapest, Hungarian Home Service, December 20, 1946

"The Hungarian Red Cross received news that Hungarians in great number began to flee across the frontier along the River Ipoly on Thursday. On receiving the news a delegation of the Red Cross went to the frontier simultaneously dispatching food and blankets for the refugees. With the Red Cross delegation also a group of Smallholders Party MPS traveled to Dregelypalank, but they have not found any refugees there. From here, crossing several villages along the frontier, the delegation went to Balassagyarmat where they established that for the time being there is no question of any mass exodus there. The news proved to be premature.

"News however has reached Balassagyarmat that preparations for the removal of Hungarians have started in the villages of Kistur, Keszepur, Palast, and Foedemes. The Red Cross delegation handed over the food and blanket consignments to the local Red Cross authorities so that they should be able to give immediate assistance if Hungarians begin to flee en masse also to this area."